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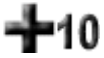
Inclement Weather Guidelines for Parents - Updated August 2026

Type of Warning	Information for Parents	ESF Guidelines for Online Learning
 Typhoon Signal No. 1	All schools will operate as normal	
 Typhoon Signal no. 3	Primary and Secondary schools will operate as normal unless advised otherwise.	
    Typhoon Signal No. 8 and above	**Before school hours:** ● Please listen to television and radio announcements before school. Announcements are usually made from 6 am onwards. If **Typhoon Signal Pre-8 or Signal 8 or above** is raised prior to school hours, <u>all schools will be closed.</u>	If the Observatory hoists an inclement Typhoon weather signal before the start of the school day and schools are closed, ESF will activate the work-from-home arrangement. A message will be sent through the ESF Hub. **1. The Synchronised Learning Model** We are moving towards a more synchronised model across all ESF schools to ensure a cohesive experience. ● Timetable: The daily schedule consists of four 30-minute live lessons, followed by asynchronous tasks across the day. Here is a link to a sample timetable. Your child's actual timetable for the wet weather day will be shared with you on the day, via the ESF Hub. ● Structure: After each live session, teachers will provide a followup activity. Teachers will stay online (camera off) during this time to support students if needed. **2. Toddle as the key platform** ● All Subjects: PE, Expressive Arts, and Chinese will now be delivered via Toddle. ● Every student should already have access to their login details for Toddle. Typically they can be found: ○ Y1&2 - Sent in Pink Home Learning Books ○ Y3 - Sent in Orange Home Learning Books ○ Y4 - 6 - Students will know their logins as they regularly login to their accounts, but parents can email teachers for a reminder if your child is having difficulty with

	• The pre-8 signal indicates that the observatory expects to raise the Signal 8 within two hours, giving schools and families the opportunity to be prepared. • If a signal is raised while students are travelling to school, the school is responsible for receiving the students and holding them until arrangements can be made for them to return home at an appropriate time. **In school hours:** • With the **government announcement of the closure of schools**, all schools are to close. • In that situation, the school will ensure that safe and adequate arrangements are made for students to return home. • Ideally, if safety allows, the school will aim to have buses depart before the hoisting of the higher T8 signal • Buses will depart as soon as possible and parents will be informed to ensure someone is at the bus stop to pick up their children. • Students who are not picked up at the bus stop, and whose families cannot be contacted, will be returned to school. Parents must check the ESF App regularly for updates. • If buses cannot run the school will inform affected parents that their child/ren will remain supervised in school until it is safe to release them or until a parent or designated responsible adult picks them up. • **Students will not be sent home on school buses once a Signal 8 or above has been hoisted.** **Lowering of signals:** • When a typhoon signal is lowered to Signal 3 or all signals are cancelled, all schools will open on the next school day and all transport can run as	this. **Please read Our Online Learning Approach** To help students feel settled and organised, we will follow a predictable daily timetable. This includes common snacks and lunch breaks to help you all manage the flow of the day at home. • **Staggered Start Times:** To support families sharing devices, online sessions will begin at 9:00 am for Years 1, 3, and 5, and at 9:30 am for Years 2, 4, and 6. A timetable will be shared with the relevant links needed for the day. • **Live Lessons:** Students will participate in four face-to-face online lessons throughout the day. These sessions will focus on teacher-guided learning and direct instruction to keep students engaged with their peers and with the curriculum. • **Follow-on Learning:** Purposeful tasks will be assigned after each 30 minute live lesson to reinforce the learning. Our staff will remain available online during this time to offer support and guidance. • **Curriculum & Support:** Students will continue to engage with their Class Teachers, Educational Assistants (EAs), Inclusion team members and designated Specialist Teachers, following the specific timetable shared on the day. **If a typhoon signal is hoisted above a No. 8 the school will not provide online synchronous or asynchronous teaching and learning.**

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 Amber Rainstorm Warning	All schools will operate as normal. Please listen to radio and TV announcements in case the weather deteriorates.	
  Red or Black Rainstorm Warning	**Before the start of school** ● All schools will close all day. If the warning is raised at the time your child is getting ready to set off for school, your child should stay home. **After students have set off for school but before the commencement of school** ● Schools will accept and retain students until arrangements are made with their families for safe pickup. **When classes are in session** ● Schools continue until the end of normal school hours and students are retained until conditions are safe for them to return home. **School buses cannot run if the Red or Black rainstorm warning is still in effect.** **Parents are encouraged to check the ESF App regularly for updates.**	  ● If red and black rain signals are hoisted, online learning will continue as per the timetable. Where localised conditions are troublesome, we understand that some families may find this difficult as may some staff. We will make alternative arrangements for staff in these circumstances to ensure the lessons can continue. Families can also make necessary arrangements to protect family and property.